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In April, Rep Mike Carrell and I will move back to our Lakewood office at **10221 Bridgeport Way SW, 589-7296**  
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**You're invited...**

to join Rep. Mike Carrell and me to talk about the government problems and solutions you think are important. (Details inside).



**Have you ever  
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state Capitol?**  
Join me for a day in  
Olympia, February 27th  
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# Budget Education

## The state budget needs fixing... Making sure every child in every school is a successful student...

No doubt you've heard or read something about the state's budget "crisis." These are not good times, but we've seen worse... and we **still have over twenty-one billion** (that's \$21,000,000,000) **taxpayer dollars** to serve the people in the state. Last year the final budget was overly optimistic and I feared it could lead to either significant cuts in vital state services or tax hikes - or both. I voted "no" on it. This year, with the staggering cuts in airline and technology businesses (among many others), inflated energy prices left over from the drought, and the devastation following Sept. 11; the state's budget is now over **\$1.2 billion in the red.**

We must write a new balanced budget. It's a real challenge and I'm ready. I'll be working in Appropriations Committee four nights a week and probably Saturdays to get the job done. Here are the priorities I now see for our state government. **Please take a look and then send me a note, make a free call or email me.** I want to learn from you what's most important to you and your family or friends when you talk about state government.

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Last year after long, intense "accountability" discussions failed, I was encouraged when the House of Representatives lead budget writer, Rep. Helen Sommers (D-Seattle), came to me for advice. We worked together to: 1) give millions of dollars to help **identify problems and potential solutions** in schools where students are struggling, 2) reward students and teachers (actually parents, all staff and volunteers, too) where students are **successful** in meeting our state's **new, higher requirements**, and 3) post successful school programs on the state OSPI website ([www.k12.wa.us](http://www.k12.wa.us)) so parents, teachers, taxpayers and everyone who cares can **check it out**. I've been told it will be up and running soon. Everyone else agreed with the proposal. Now it's the law. Thank you, Rep. Sommers. I love working in the Legislature to solve problems!

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## Survey

**Please let me know what you're thinking...**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

How do you think I'm doing as your representative in Olympia?

□ Good, keep it up.

☐ OK, but pay more attention to\_\_\_\_\_

❑ Weak, an area of improvement is: \_\_\_\_\_

Please write your ideas, concerns, or advice on how to best to run our state government. Thanks for making time to do this. It's a big help to me. \_\_\_\_\_

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